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SUBJECT : REQUEST TO PASS URGENT MESSAGES ON PRISONER
RELEASE

REF: CONAKRY 1157 (NOTAL)

1. LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR HAS JUST ASKED THAT FOLLOWING
MESSAGES BE PASSED TO STEPHEN TOLBERT (PARA 2) AND TO
PRESIDENT TOLBERT (PARA 3). MESSAGES REFER TO AGREEMENT
THAT LIBERIANS THOUGHT THEY HAD CONCLUDED BETWEEN GUINEANS
AND FRENCH FOR GUINEANS TO RESPOND TO FRENCH SUGGESTION
AND RELEASE SOME FRENCH PRISONERS. ALTHOUGH LIBERIANS
UNSURE EXACT NUMBER BECAUSE DIFFERENT GUINEAN OFFICIALS
GAVE DIFFERENT NUMBER, WHEN GUINEAN MIN ECON FINANCE
ISMAEL TOURE WAS IN MONROVIA LAST WEEKEND HE GAVE PRESIDENT
TOLBERT LIST WHICH HEADED BY TWO FRENCHMEN AND INCLUDED
GHANAIS, DAHOMEANS, IVORIANS, TOGOLESE AND ONE SENE-
GALESE. AS FOLLOWING MESSAGES MAKE CLEAR ON EVE PROPOSED
DEPARTURE OF PRISONERS GUINEANS HAVE GIVEN LIBERIANS
HERE ANOTHER LIST WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE NAMES ANY
FRENCHMEN AND LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR PROPOSING SUSPEND

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FLIGHT TAKING ONLY NON-FRENCH PRISONERS TO MONROVIA

TONIGHT.

2. HON STEPHEN TOLBERT FINANCE MINISTRY: FURTHER MYTEL ARRIVAL PARTIES UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT HAS EMERGED. JUST RECEIVED LIST OF PARTIES WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE ONE FRENCHMAN. HAVE WITHHELD ISSUANCE VISA AND OBJECTED TO LIST ON GROUNDS THIS WAS NOT UNDERSTANDING. LIST OF PARTIES NOW INCLUDE ELEVEN GHANIANS, FOUR DAHOMEANS, THREE IVORIANS, TWO TOGOLESE AND ONE SENEGALESE. EXTREMELY DISTURBED ABOUT THIS AND HAVE INFORMED GOVERNMENT THIS ACT POSES EMBARRASSMENT FOR SPEEDY. I PROPOSE REQUEST GOVERNMENT SUSPEND FLIGHT PENDING CLEARANCE FROM SPEEDY. IF NO WORD RECEIVED YOUR END FLIGHT WILL BE CANCELLED. URGENT PLEASE ADVISE KINDEST REGARDS RALLY TIME. AMBASSADOR SHERMAN.

3. PRESIDENT W. R. TOLBERT, JR., EXECUTIVE MANSION, MONROVIA: RE ARRIVAL PARTIES TONIGHT HAVE JUST RECEIVED LIST WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FRENCHMEN. LIST HANDED YOU MONROVIA WAS HEADED WITH NAMES OF TWO FRENCHMEN WHICH DO NOT NOW APPEAR ON NEW LIST. HAVE OBJECTED TO GOVERNMENT ON GROUNDS THIS WAS NOT UNDERSTANDING OF MESSAGE CONVEYED YOU BY FINANCE MIN. GOVERNMENT HERE CONTENTS VESSEL WAS FRENCH AND CREW CONSIDERED FRENCH. NEW LIST COMPOSES ELEVEN GHANIANS, FOUR DAHOMEANS, THREE IVORIANS, TWO TOGOLESE ONE SENEGALESE, TOTALING TWENTY ONE NOT EVEN NUMBER GIVEN YOU BY FINANCE MIN. THIS COMPOSITION OF INDIVIDUALS CANNOT PROMOTE CAUSE OF YOUR ENDEAVORS. INTEND REQUEST GOVERNMENT SUSPEND FLIGHT PENDING CLARIFICATION. URGENT. PLEASE ADVISE THROUGH THIS CHANNEL. RESPECTFULLY RALLY TIME. SHERMAN.
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